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Good morning / afternoon.

Representatives from Massachusetts Water Works Association, Mass Water Resource Association and Massachusetts Municipal Association have met and will now offer two presentations relative to the matter of the science involved in formulating the issue at hand. Following my brief comments as will be Jesse Schwalbaum of watershed Hydrogeologic Inc. and John Gall of the engineering firm Camp Dresser and McKee, Inc. Although it was decided at the last meeting of this panel, that the Stressed Basin Report *not* be discussed at today's session of the Blue Ribbon Panel, our position at MWWA is that the Water Management Act Policy changes, and the Stressed Basin Report, on which the Policy application is based, are inextricably linked; as it defines and establishes different standards within different basins, and must be talked about in the same breath. It's all part of the same package and is referenced specifically within the policy. I wish to affirm our very strong opinion that the policy is illegal, inappropriate and ineffective.

We can and should all agree that Integrated Water Resource Planning, which includes conservation, best management practice and proper management of not only our water assets, but our land use practices should be included in the overall goal of creating a truly sustainable environment. Water suppliers are severely limited with respect to land use. Water suppliers are being unfairly targeted and are probably the most easily regulated "industry" and I use the term industry very lightly. I see this effort by the MassDEP as a disjointed effort that has fractionalized rather than united the various organizations that are concerned with fostering true environmental sustainability.

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